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Dear sir:

I'm not sure how much weight that a letter from a computer professional like myself brings to bear on the recent Microsoft legal proceedings. My opinion is simple. I believe we should have a choice as to what OS we choose to run. Yes, it's true that I have a choice today, Microsoft, Linux, or ?? Those are the only two OS's that a home user like myself can even consider. That's OK, two is better than one. The impact the Microsoft has on the world is huge. Using Linux, I can't visit certain websites because they don't develop websites that support Netscape, or any of the many browsers that are included with Linux. Because Microsoft has the world by the throat, we're forced to use IE as our browser of choice. Some choice! Microsoft Office is the defacto standard when it comes to office applications, because intentional or not, other office suites don't perform as well on Windows.

Again, I'm not sure what a letter from someone like myself really means in the grand scheme of things, but this America, and I felt some obligation to state my opinion. I don't think there is anyway that another company can compete in today's marketplace with the way that the table is slanted toward Microsoft.

Sincerely,  
Darryl Wilburn